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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: NINTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING:
SEVENTH MONTHLY PREPARATORY MEETING: SOUTH AFRICAN PRO-
POSALS FOR PROCEDURE UNDER ARTICLE IX(2)

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1. AS DISCUSSED REFTEL A, 7TH MONTHLY PREPARATORY
MEETING DEALT EXTENSIVELY WITH DRAFT PROPOSALS ON PRO-
CEDURES FOR ADMISSION OF NEW CONSULTATIVE PARTIES
SUBMITTED BY ARGENTINA AND SOUTH AFRICA. TEXT OF DRAFT

INCORPORATING SOUTH AFRICAN "SUGGESTIONS" FOLLOWS.

"PROCEDURE UNDER ARTICLE IX(2)

A. THE DEPOSITORY GOVERNMENT SHALL INFORM THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS ENTITLED TO BE REPRESENTED AT ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS ("CONSULTATIVE PARTIES") OF ANY NOTIFICATION RECEIVED FROM A CONTRACTING PARTY WHICH CONSIDERS THAT IT IS ENTITLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IX(2) OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEXT ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETING ("THE NOTIFYING GOVERNMENT").

B. IN ORDER TO ASSIST CONSULTATIVE PARTIES TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION WHETHER THE NOTIFYING GOVERNMENT IS AT THAT TIME IN FACT DEMONSTRATING ITS INTEREST IN ANTARCTICA AS REQUIRED BY ARTICLE IX(2), THE NOTIFYING GOVERNMENT SHALL TOGETHER WITH THE NOTIFICATION REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH A OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER INFORM CONSULTATIVE PARTIES, THROUGH THE DEPOSITORY GOVERNMENT, OF ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION ENVISAGED BY RECOMMENDATION I - VI.

C. IN ADVANCE OF THE NEXT CONSULTATIVE MEETING AND IN ANY CASE NOT LATER THAN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE NOTIFICATION REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH A IS RECEIVED BY THE DEPOSITORY GOVERNMENT, THE GOVERNMENT WHICH IS TO HOST THAT CONSULTATIVE MEETING SHALL CONVENE A SPECIAL ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE PARTIES.

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THE CONSULTATIVE PARTIES IN ORDER TO CONSULT TOGETHER AND TO ESTABLISH WHETHER IN THEIR VIEW THE NOTIFYING GOVERNMENT FULFILLS THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE IX(2).

D. IF AGREEMENT EXISTS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE CONDITIONS OF ARTICLE IX(2) HAVE BEEN FULFILLED, IT SHALL BE MADE PUBLIC IN THE FINAL REPORT OF THE MEETING. AN INVITATION BY THE HOST GOVERNMENT TO THE NOTIFYING GOVERNMENT TO ATTEND THE NEXT CONSULTATIVE MEETING (OR PREPARATORY MEETING AS THE CASE MAY BE) WILL THEREUPON BE ISSUED.

E. INVITATIONS TO ATTEND FUTURE CONSULTATIVE OR PREPARATORY MEETINGS SHALL BE ISSUED TO THE NOTIFYING GOVERNMENT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE CONSULTATIVE PARTIES (AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH A) MAY, AFTER CONSULTATION THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, AGREE THAT THE NOTIFYING GOVERNMENT IS NO LONGER CONDUCTING SUBSTANTIAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ACTIVITY IN ANTARCTICA.

F. THIS ARRANGEMENT IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY."

2. IN INTRODUCING DRAFT, SOUTH AFRICAN REP HIGHLIGHTED FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) IT IS IMPORTANT FOR SOUTH AFRICA THAT INFORMATION OF ANY NOTIFICATION RECEIVED FROM A CONTRACTING PARTY SHALL BE MADE "THROUGH THE DEPOSITORY GOVERNMENT." THIS WOULD INSURE THAT INFORMATION WILL BE PASSED BY

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U.S. WHICH HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ALL TREATY MEMBERS.

(B) SOUTH AFRICA FEELS IT IS IMPORTANT THAT REFER-

ENCE BE MADE IN PROCEDURAL DOCUMENT SPECIFICALLY TO THE
RELEVANT INFORMATION CALLED FOR BY RECOMMENDATION I - VI.

(C) SOUTH AFRICA SHARES ARGENTINE VIEW THAT RECOM-
MENDATION IS NOT NECESSARY. THEY ALSO POINT OUT THAT
INVITATION SHOULD BE ISSUED TO PREPARATORY MEETINGS AS
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WELL AS TO THE NEXT CONSULTATIVE MEETING.

3. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OVER PARA E. AR-
GENTINE REP FOUND IT "VERY INTERESTING" AS SUBJECT OF
TERMINATION OF CONSULTATIVE STATUS HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY
BEEN CONSIDERED. CHILEAN AND AUSTRALIAN REPS QUESTIONED
WISDOM OF RAISING AT THIS STAGE COMPLEX ISSUE OF DROPPING
ACCEDING MEMBERS FROM CONSULTATIVE STATUS. HEAP CON-
CURRED AND ADDED THAT IF MEMBERS ARE SEEKING MEANS OF
MARRYING A PARTICULAR PARTY TO THE GROUP, PERHAPS IT IS
INAPPROPRIATE TO CONSIDER DIVORCE PROCEDURES AT THIS
STAGE AS WELL.

4. DURING INFORMAL DISCUSSION BETWEEN KOTLIAR AND HEAP
FOLLOWING MEETING, IT WAS AGREED THAT THEY WOULD TRY TO
INFLUENCE OTHER TREATY MEMBERS TO CONCENTRATE ON ARGEN-
TINE PROPOSALS AND PARTICULARLY TO AVOID BECOMING BOGGED
DOWN IN "DIVORCE" ISSUE. KOTLIAR POINTED OUT THAT THIS
QUESTION IS ALREADY COVERED WITHIN TREATY AND THEREFORE
IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO CONCERN OURSELVES WITH IT AT THIS
TIME.

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